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Memorandum

. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: 12-11-63

FROM : W. A. BRANIGAN

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

With regard to Dallas teletype dated 12-9-63, the Director inquired if we have at any time or any place approached subject to develop him as an informant.

The answer to the Director's inquiry is no. Subject was interviewed 6-26 and 8-16-62 shortly after his return from Russia. At that time he denied having been given any Soviet intelligence assignments in this country. He was requested to advise the FBI in the event he was contacted in this country by any individual under suspicious circumstances suggesting that it was a Soviet intelligence approach. He agreed to do so. Subject was again interviewed at his request on 8-10-63 while he was in a New Orleans jail. He had been arrested on the previous day on a charge of disturbing the peace arising out of his distribution of Fair Play for Cuba Committee pamphlets.

During none of the 3 interviews with subject was any attempt made to develop him as an informant concerning the Fair Play for Cuba Committee or anything else. ASAC Sylvester telephonically advised on 12-10-63 that this was true of the New Orleans interview 8-10-63 and the Dallas communications covering the 2 previous interviews in 1962 indicate that no attempt was made to develop him as an informant.

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